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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, MASS, BE  
SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM A WELL-PLACED SOURCE THAT  
THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS HAVE DRAFTED A JOINT PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE  
PRIME MINISTER, RECOMMENDING THAT BELGIUM OPT FOR A  
"EUROPEAN SOLUTION", PRIMARILY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. THE  
SAME SOURCE SAYS THAT THE BELGIANS ARE TESTING THIS  
POSITION WITH THE DUTCH IN THE MEETINGS TODAY AND TOMORROW  
BETWEEN THE BELGIAN AND DUTCH MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE. IF THE DUTCH DO NOT REACT STRONGLY  
AGAINST IT, OUR SOURCE SAID, THE BELGIANS WILL INFORM  
PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS THAT THEY INTEND TO PRESENT IT AS  
THE BELGIAN POSITION AT THE FEBRUARY 17 MEETING OF THE  
MINISTERS OF DEFENSE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TALKED TO MANY BELGIAN  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE LAST TEN DAYS ABOUT THE  
F-104 REPLACEMENT, THIS IS THE ONLY INDICATION WE HAVE  
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HAD THAT SUCH AN OPERATION IS UNDERWAY. NONETHELESS,

AS OUR SOURCE IS RELIABLE, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK  
THERE IS SOME TRUTH IS WHAT HE SAYS. FIRST THING  
TOMORROW WE WILL ASK BELGIAN OFFICIALS POINT BLANK  
WHETHER THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE AND, IF SO, MAKE  
APPOINTMENTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL TO PUT FORWARD OUR  
ARGUMENTS FOR THE F-16.RENNER

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